

**Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)**  
**Medi-Cal Dental Program**

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**Proposed Beneficiary Utilization Criteria Revisions**

**I. Background**

On April 2, 2015, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) consulted with the stakeholder community regarding DHCS' proposal to establish criteria for assessing beneficiary utilization in the Medi-Cal Dental fee-for-service delivery system, as recommended by the California State Auditor's (CSA) Office. In response to the first set of stakeholder feedback received, and DHCS revised the beneficiary utilization measurements as reflected below.

**II. Revised Beneficiary Utilization Measurement**

**A. Recommended performance measures:**

1. Annual Dental Visit: Percentage of Medi-Cal beneficiaries, who had at least one dental visit during the measurement period.
2. Use of Preventive Services: Percentage of Medi-Cal beneficiaries who received any preventive dental service during the measurement period.
3. Use of Sealants (ages 6-9 and ages 10-14): Percentage of Medi-Cal beneficiaries ages 6-9 and 10-14 continuously enrolled in fee-for-service during the measurement period with no more than a one-month gap in eligibility, who received a dental sealant on at least one permanent molar.
4. Exams/Oral Health Evaluations: Percentage of Medi-Cal beneficiaries who received a comprehensive or periodic oral health evaluation or, for Medi-Cal beneficiaries under three years of age, who received an oral evaluation and counseling with the primary care giver, during the measurement period.
5. Usual Source of Care: Percentage of Medi-Cal beneficiaries enrolled in the fee-for-service program for at least two consecutive years, and who visited the same practice or clinical entity in both years, and who received at least one dental service in both years.

**B. Measure Parameters**

- Based on 90 days of continuous enrollment (Exception: Usual Source of Care measure requires two consecutive years enrollment)
- Performance measures will be reported on quarterly (Exception: Usual Source of Care measure will be updated annually due to required two consecutive years of enrollment)
- Measures will be reported in accordance with DHCS requirements, and the measures shall be stratified by:
  - County
  - Age stratification
  - Race/Ethnicity

**III. Additional Information for Further Discussion**

- Measures:
  - A. Dental Quality Alliance (DQA) Risk based measure for Sealants Use in 6-9 and 10-14: 1) Percentage of enrolled children ages 6-9 at "elevated" risk who received a sealant on a permanent molar tooth during the reporting year. 2)

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Percentage of enrolled children ages 10-14 years at “elevated” risk who received a sealant on a permanent second molar tooth during the reporting year.

- B. DQA Risk based measure for Preventive Services: (1) Percentage of enrolled children who are at “elevated” risk who received a topical fluoride application and/or sealants within the reporting year. 2) Percentage of all children enrolled who received at least one dental services during the reporting year who also received a topical fluoride application and/or sealants within the reporting year.
- C. Care Continuity: 1) Percentage of all children enrolled in two consecutive years who received a comprehensive or periodic oral evaluation in both years. 2) Percentage of all children enrolled in two consecutive years, and who received at least one dental service in both years, who also received a comprehensive or periodic oral evaluation in both years.
- D. Topical Fluoride Intensity: Percentage of enrolled children aged 1-21 years who are at “elevated” risk who received at least 2 topical fluoride applications within the reporting year.

- Stratification

A. Medical Service Study Area (MSSA)

**IV. Next Steps**

- The second opportunity for stakeholder feedback is **due by 5 P.M. on Friday, April 24, 2015**. Please email stakeholder feedback to [MDSDProvider@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:MDSDProvider@dhcs.ca.gov).
- DHCS will finalize both beneficiary utilization and provider participation measurements by May 2015.